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YOUTH A BOON, OR BANE

AFRICA'S burgeoning youth population had the potential to be a demographic dividend, but unless properly harnessed could become a demographic nightmare.

This sentiment was expressed at the Infrastructure Africa conference in Sandton yesterday during a session titled "Africa's path to growth – How infrastructure development will drive growth in Africa". Moderator Sean Cleary warned of the dangers if the continent did not get key elements such as infrastructure development right.

Cleary, a former diplomat and strategic adviser to the World Economic Forum said Africa needed to get right

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infrastructure, human capital development and policies to ensure a prosperous future. "Four out of the 10 fastest growing economies are still from sub-Saharan Africa and the only thing holding Africa back are those three areas." | African News Agency (ANA)